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1. GEORGIA MISSION DEPARTED BUCHAREST NOVEMBER 8 AFTER WEEK-LONG VISIT DURING WHICH MOST MISSION MEMBERS HAD FULL DAILY APPOINTMENT SCHEDULES, INCLUDING DAIRY AND POULTRY FARM VISITS FOR AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER IRVIN AND FARM OPERATOR WEST AND TRIP TO BRASOV TOURIST FACILITIES FOR ALVIN CATES. BEST SHORT-TERM PROSPECTS STEMMING FROM MISSION APPEAR TO BE SALES OF HOGS, PEANUT MEAL, CATTLE SEMEN AND VARIETY OF TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY. ALSO DISCUSSED WERE CONSTRUCTION OF COLD STORAGE FACILITIES FOR FRUITS, MEAT AND VEGETABLES (POSSIBLY AS MARKETING JOINT VENTURE), TOURIST FACILITIES, A JOINT VENTURE TO MANUFACTURE ALUMINUM-BASED ELECTRICAL CABLE, AND SALE OF C-130 AIRCRAFT BY LOCKHEED IN CONJUNCTION WITH POSSIBLE COOPERATION (THROUGH BRAZILIAN MANUFACTURER) IN PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL AIRCRAFT IN ROMANIA. ALL LATTER PROJECTS WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS, HOWEVER.

2. MISSION WAS MET ON ARRIVAL NOVEMBER 4 BY EMBASSY ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER AND BRIEFED SAME AFTERNOON BY DCM VIETS AND ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER. RECEPTION THAT EVENING, HOSTED BY GEORGIA MISSION, HAD UNUSUALLY GOOD ROMANIAN TURNOUT, INCLUDING DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE STANCIU, VICE PRESIDENT OF BANK FOR FOREIGN TRADE HASEGANU, AND CHAMONR OF COMMYCE VICE

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PRESIDENT ZAMBETI. ATTENDING FROM EMBASSY WAS ENTIRE ECONOMIC

SECTION AS WELL AS OTHER OFFICERS. AMBASSADOR UNABLE TO ATTEND
SINCE HOSTING OWN FUNCTION SAME EVENING. NONETHELESS,
THROUGHOUT WEEK GEORGIA MISSION LEADER ALLEN CONTINUED TO
EXPRESS DISPLEASURE WITH AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE AND RAISED MATTER
AS WELL DURING MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER 8. GROUP WAS
INVITED TO RECEPTION AT DCM'S RESIDENCE, GIVEN IN HONOR OF
FAS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR HORBALY AND NEWLY ACCREDITED
AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE NOVEMBER 5. ALL MEMBERS OF MISSION CAME,
WITH SURPRISING EXCEPTION OF AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER IRVIN.
BRIEF MEETING WITH FOREIGN
TRADE MINISTER PATAN WAS ARRANGED
FOR ALLEN BY GEORGIA'S BRAZIL REPRESENTATIVE DUDOVIC POENARU,
FORMER ROMANIAN CITIZEN WHO USED OLD ACQUAINTANCES TO SET UP
TALK. EMBASSY ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER ALSO ATTENDED. VISIT
ENDED WITH CORDIAL LUNCHEON HOSTED BY CHAMBER VP ZAMBETI.
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